



ABOUT TOWN - FEBRUARY 2, 2016 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



TOWN MANAGER PASSES THE BATON



Community leaders, elected officials, Town staff, family, friends and mentors gathered in the Council Chambers on Thursday, January 28, to bid farewell to Town Manager Jill Keimach. The event was hosted by Jill to thank everyone for their support and kindness throughout her five-year tenure with Moraga. Good food and drink was enjoyed by all as a celebration of the many accomplishments achieved under Jill's leadership and as an opportunity to wish her success in her new position as Alameda's City Manager. Jill created a scrolling message of thanks on the Chamber televisions for the many people in her professional and personal life and took the microphone to offer her thanks and to say farewell. She then presented a conductor's baton to Bob Priebe as the new Interim Town Manager, stating he would need it to "orchestrate" the Town's progress.



TOWN COUNCIL SETS GOALS FOR 2016

On Thursday, January 21, the Town Council hosted a community goal setting workshop to discuss and receive community input on Town Goals for 2016. Identifying the most important goals is important for Town staff to allocate appropriate resources toward goal achievement in addition to the ongoing efforts to address many pre-existing and continuous community concerns. With about 40 people in attendance, Council adopted 13 major goals, including completion of a community preference study and survey; determine revenue measure(s) for a future ballot to fund the community's top priorities; adopt a balanced budget and continue high quality financial reporting; develop a sustainable funding strategy for Town assets and infrastructure; develop concept and plans for a financially sustainable Hacienda de las Flores; re-open discussions with the Moraga School District for new and shared community recreation facilities; complete Moraga Center Specific Plan Implementation (zoning) Project; complete update of hillside and ridgeline regulations; install new streetlights in critical areas around Town; improve interconnectedness and public awareness of Moraga's trail system; work with Saint Mary's College and the community to complete design and financing plan for St. Mary's Rd. roundabouts; install surveillance cameras in strategic locations to assist in public safety; and support and develop a long-term strategy to retain and preserve the New Rheem Theatre.



CANYON BRIDGE REPLACEMENT UPDATE

Construction for the Canyon Road Bridge Replacement project has been postponed from this year to 2017, due to the lengthy environmental process. Please call Public Works at 925-888-7026 with any questions or comments.



STREET LIGHTS ON RHEEM BOULEVARD

One of the Town's adopted goals for 2016 is to install new streetlights in critical areas around Town, such as within the Moraga and Rheem Shopping Center areas, and outside the Town Council Chambers. Staff is exploring funding for installation and maintenance through the annexation process of affected properties into the existing Street Light Assessment District.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON JANUARY 27

CAMPOLINDO CROSS COUNTRY VARSITY TEAMS

Town Council declared January 27, 2016 as Boys and Girls Varsity Cross Country Team Day in Moraga. Both teams won the Diablo Foothill Athletic League Championship, as well as the Division III North Coast Section Championship, and competed in the State Championship meet. Congratulations to both teams for their outstanding accomplishments.

MARIN CLEAN ENERGY LETTER OF INTENT

Town Council received a presentation from Marin Clean Energy (MCE). MCE is a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program that allows customers to choose between a number of energy supply options. When a city/town becomes a member of MCE, every individual electricity customer can either choose to continue as currently billed or have their electricity supplied from MCE. At the meeting, Council authorized the Town Manager to send a non-binding Letter of Intent to MCE, the first step in the membership process. Future steps include adoption of a Resolution, Ordinance, and Joint Powers Agreement. Please visit [Marin Clean Energy](#) for more information.

MID-YEAR FY 2015/16 BUDGET UPDATE

The Town Council received a mid-year update on the Fiscal Year 2015/16 budget. The report included a recommendation to increase revenue projections by \$94,497, primarily attributable to an anticipated increase in property tax revenue. Town expenses are currently tracking as projected with an expectation that costs will come in on budget at fiscal year-end, June 30, 2016.



MORAGA'S CRIME INCREASES IN 2015

The Moraga Police Department (MPD) reports overall crime in Moraga increased 32.5% in 2015, primarily due to a rash of thefts from unlocked vehicles and auto burglaries during the summer. The following represents a comparison of Moraga crimes reported to the California Department of Justice:

TYPE OF CRIME	2014	2015	% Change
Homicide	0	0	0
Rape	1	1	0
Robbery	0	2	200%
Assault	19	20	0.5%
Burglary	33	41	24.2%
Larceny	104	136	30.8%
Auto Theft	12	24	100%
Total	169	224	32.5%

While these crime statistics are not desirable, they are lower than crime statistics in some other years. Please help MPD prevent crime by being diligent in locking homes, businesses and vehicles; use alarms and home video surveillance when available; and continue to report any suspicious activity in your neighborhood to MPD. For expanded statistics, please visit the [MPD website](#).



MORAGA TRIATHLON - SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Triathletes of all levels can register for this local fitness event at [moragatri.com](#), featuring: Adult, Student, Relay, and Youth Divisions!

Volunteers receive a free event T-shirt and are needed in all areas of the course. Individuals or groups interested in volunteering please email tri@moraga.ca.us.

Sponsorships for 2016 are still being accepted; please contact Parks and Recreation if you or your company is interested!



MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL BOARD VOLUNTEER

Interested in public health, public policy, wetlands, farming, community education, finance, personnel or land development? Apply to become Moraga's Trustee for the Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District. You must be a Moraga resident to serve. Meetings are held on the second Monday of every other month at the District office in Concord. For more information, visit the Town's website or contact the [Town Clerk](#) by email or phone at 925-888-7022.



EAST BAY REGIONAL PARKS DISTRICT TRAIL SECTION CLOSED

Due to a creek bank failure, the Lafayette-Moraga Trail is closed along a stretch of Laguna Creek that parallels Country Club Drive. The majority of the erosion is occurring just upstream from the Canyon Bridge where the foot path meets Canyon Road. The trail has been barricaded to protect pedestrians. East Bay Municipal Utilities District owns the affected land and the Moraga-Orinda Fire District uses the trail for emergency access. Both agencies are aware of the current situation.



CENTRAL SAN ACADEMY

Curious where the water goes after it goes down the drain? Join Central Contra Costa Sanitary District's six-week "Citizens' Academy" and learn about the "other" water – how used water gains new life. The academy will be held on Tuesdays from April 5 to May 10, beginning at 6:00 pm. For more information and to apply, visit the [Central San](#) website.



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MORAGA WALK | BIKE PLAN WORKSHOP - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Please participate in a public workshop to review the Moraga Walk | Bike Plan's recommended program list of pedestrian and bicycle improvements, and provide input to prioritize projects for implementation. The workshop will be held on Thursday, February 4, 7:00 pm, at the Hacienda de las Flores. The public's recommendations on these projects and priorities are essential for the development of the complete Walk | Bike Plan currently in process, and scheduled for public review later this spring. Visit [Walk Bike Moraga](#) or contact Coleman Frick at 925-888-7039 for more information.



MORAGA TOWN HALL - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

The public is invited to State Senator Steve Glazer and Assemblywoman Catharine Baker's *Moraga Town Hall* on Thursday, February 11, at 7:00 pm at the JM Auditorium. Join the representatives for an update on legislative priorities for 2016 and to share perspectives on issues facing the community. For more information, call Senator Glazer's office at 925-942-6082.



PRESIDENTS' HOLIDAY

The Town offices and the Hacienda de las Flores will be closed in observance of Presidents' Day Monday, February 15, re-opening for business on Tuesday, February 16.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, February 8, 7:00 pm – [Design Review Board](#), Council Chambers, 335 Rheem Boulevard
Wednesday, February 10, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), Council Chambers, 335 Rheem Boulevard
Tuesday, February 16, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), Hacienda, Mosaic
Thursday, February 18, 7:00 pm – [Moraga Youth Involvement Committee](#) Special Meeting, Hacienda, Mosaic

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